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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining a device context for a device associated with an identity, wherein said device context provides an availability status of said device;

determining an identity context for said identity, wherein said identity context provides an availability status of said identity;

determining an availability rule associated with ~~an~~said identity;

determining a true availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context, said identity context, and said availability rule; and

providing data indicative of said true availability of said identity.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~: receiving a request for information regarding true availability of said identity.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~step of~~ determining said true availability of said identity ~~based at least in part on said availability rule~~ includes determining availability of said identity via at least two different media channels.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of:~~ establishing said availability rule.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~step of~~ providing data indicative of said true availability of said interface identity includes displaying an interface indicative of said availability.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~85~~, wherein said interface identifies said identity.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of:~~ determining said identity.

8 - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:

determine a device context for a device associated with an identity, wherein the device context provides an availability status of the device;

determine an identity context for said identity, wherein the identity context provides an availability status of the identity;

determine an availability rule associated with an identity;

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determine a true availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context, said identity context, and said availability rule; and

provide data indicative of said true availability of said identity.

16. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor;

a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

determine a device context for a device associated with an identity, wherein the device context provides an availability status of the device;

determine an identity context for said identity, wherein the identity context provides an availability status of the identity;

determine an availability rule associated with said identity;

determine an availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context, said identity context, and said availability rule; and

provide data indicative of said availability of said identity.

17.(New) The method of claim 1, wherein said identity is associated with a plurality of devices.